

TELEGRAM INFORMATION RE. ORT TELEGRAM

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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION. SOURCE GRADINGS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.
SOURCE REGULAR SOURCE WITH HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS AMONG UAR OFFICIALS (B); FROM TAMAI 'ABD-AL-NASIR.

1. UAR PRESIDENT JAMAL 'ABD-AL-NASIR TALKED WITH WEST GERMAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY LUDWIG ERHARD ON 25 JANUARY/ABOUT UAR'S DEVELOPMENTS PLANS AND ITS NEEDS FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. NASIR TOLD ERHARD UAR HAD SPENT LE 303 MILLION LAST TWO YEARS ON INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM AND PLANNED SPEND LE 400 MILLION MORE IN COMING FIVE YEARS. ON AGRICULTURE PLAN IS TO SPEND LE 450 MILLION. UAR AIM IS TO DOUBLE NATIONAL INCOME IN EIGHT YEARS. DECISION ACHIEVE THIS GOAL SOON WAS TAKEN RECENTLY AND IS SECRET. PUBLIC STILL BEING TOLD GOAL WILL BE REACHED IN 10. ERHARD SAID WEST GERMANY IS READY TO HELP UAR.
2. NASIR MADE PARTICULAR POINT IN TRYING INTEREST ERHARD IN QATTARA DEPRESSION PROJECT. SOUGHT TO ASSURE ERHARD THAT WEST GERMANS SHOULD NOT REGARD UAR'S NEW LOAN AGREEMENT WITH SOVS FOR SECOND STAGE ASWAN HIGH DAM AS BLOW

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AGAINST THEMSELVES. NASIR JUSTIFIED ENTERING NEW AGREEMENT WITH SOVS ON GROUNDS IT IN UAR INTEREST. ERHARD REPORTEDLY CAUTIONED NASIR THAT ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS COULD BECOME AVENUE FOR COMMUNIST INFILTRATION. NASIR ASSURED HIS GUEST THAT UAR HAD NOT AND WOULD NOT PERMIT SOVS TO USE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GAIN POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN HIS COUNTRY. FURTHERMORE SAID NASIR, UAR PURSUING AN ECONOMIC PLAN WHICH IS BASICALLY DIFFERENT** FROM COMMUNIST APPROACH. UAR IS CONCENTRATING ON LIGHT NOT HEAVY INDUSTRY.

3. ERHARD DID NOT GIVE ANY DIRECT INDICATION WHETHER HE INTERESTED IN QATTARA PROJECT. ERHARD COMMENTED THAT HIGH DAM WAS MORE IMPORTANT AS FAR AS WORLD OPINION WAS CONCERNED SINCE IT HAD BECOME SYMBOL OF EGYPT'S FIGHT FOR DEVELOPMENT. NASIR SAID WEST GERMANS SHOULD NOT CONSIDER THE DAM THAT IMPORTANT. THE UAR ITSELF WAS THE SYMBOL AND IF WEST GERMANY ASSISTED WITH ANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, IT WOULD BE SHARING CREDIT FOR THE MARCH OF THIS SYMBOL.

4. NASIR SAID BOTH HE AND 'ABD-AL-LATIF BAGHAWI, UAR VICE PRESIDENT, SEPARATELY WITH ERHARD, HAS POINTED OUT TO WEST GERMANS THAT UAR PREFERRED LOANS TO INVESTMENTS AND PREFERRED LOANS TO GOVERNMENT PROJECTS RATHER THAN TO SMALL PRIVATE INDUSTRIES.

5. (SOURCE COMMENT. NASIR TOLD SOURCE THAT THE EAST GERMANS HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING BITTERLY ABOUT THE GREAT AMOUNT OF FRIENDLY PUBLICITY ERHARD'S VISIT HAS OCCASIONED. THEY OBJECTED ESPECIALLY TO THE TENDENCY SOME PAPERS HAVE OF REFERRING TO VISIT AS GERMAN MISSION BUT FAILING TO DESIGNATE IT WEST GERMAN. NASIR SAID HE DIDN'T INTEND TO DO ANYTHING TO SOOTHE EAST GERMAN FEELINGS).

6. LOCAL DISSEM: STATE, CINCSOUTH, (PERSONAL).

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